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MINUTES
STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TELECONFERENCE
July 27, 2004
DIVISION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
123 WEST NYE LANE, ROOM 217
CARSON CITY, NV 89706

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A.** Chairman James Settlemeyer called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. on Tuesday, July 27, 2004. Self-introductions of those present as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

James Settlemeyer, Gardnerville
Keith Whipple, Hiko
Vance Vesco, Winnemucca
Sterling Wines, Ely
Howard Glancy, Dayton Valley
John O'Brien, Department of Agriculture

MEMBERS ABSENT

Judy Currier, Las Vegas
Joe Sicking, Winnemucca
Dr. Rangesan Narayanan, UNR, College of Agriculture

OTHERS PRESENT

Pamela B. Wilcox, Executive Secretary to the Commission
Kelly McGowan, Nevada Division of Conservation Districts
Sandi Gotta, Nevada Division of Conservation Districts
Chris Freeman, Nevada Association of Conservation Districts
Ana J. Jimenez, Nevada Division of Conservation Districts

II. REVIEW, AMMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *ACTION*

- A. Approval of meeting minutes for the June 17th commission meeting was tabled until the next commission meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Chris Freeman, President of the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts encouraged all districts to pay state association dues as well as national dues.
- B. Sandi Gotta talked about the grant proposals the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts and the NV Division of Conservation Districts was asked to write for NRCS. The proposals are close to being finalized by NRCS. NRCS has \$100,000 in grant funding available in two categories up to \$10,000 each: Weed Control, and Water Quality/Conservation. Sandi encouraged the districts to apply.
- C. James Settelmeyer mentioned that the agricultural deferment hearing will be held on August 19th in front of the Committee for Local Government Taxes and Finance, for anyone who would be interested in attending.

IV. FINAL APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION DISTRICT BUDGETS AS PER NAC 548.090, 548.100 AND 548.120 – *ACTION*

- A. The commission reviewed the eight conservation district budget reports that were pending clarification.
 - a. Carson Valley – Keith Whipple made a motion to approve their budget. Vance Vesco seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - b. CD of Southern Nevada - Vance Vesco made a motion to approve their budget. Keith Whipple seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - c. Esmeralda – Keith Whipple made a motion to approve their budget, contingent clarification of their match. Vance seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - d. Quinn River – Vance Vesco made a motion to approve their budget. Keith Whipple seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - e. Ruby Valley – Vance Vesco made a motion to approve their budget. Howard Sterling seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - f. Tonopah – Keith Whipple made a motion to approve their budget. Vance Vesco seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - g. Vya CD – Vance Vesco made a motion to approve their budget. Keith Whipple seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - h. White Pine CD – Howard Glancy made a motion to approve their budget. Keith Whipple seconded the motion. Motion passed.

V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ALL CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S DRAFT FINANCIAL REPORTS FY 04 AS PER NAC 548.090 AND NAC 548.110 – *ACTION*

- A. Vance Vesco made a motion to approve all the district financial reports. Keith Whipple seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING: DETERMINATION OF DISTRICT STANDING AS PER NRS 548.178 & AS PER NAC 548.110 & 548.120. *ACTION*

- A. *Comments on district draft financial reports:* None
- B. *District public comments:* None
- C. *Commission action on district "good standing". *ACTION**

Kelly reviewed the statutory requirements for a conservation district to be found in Good Standing. Keith Whipple made a motion to find all districts in good standing with the exception of Ruby Valley and Esmeralda. Esmeralda Conservation District's Good Standing status was contingent on clarification of county funds via a letter to staff. Upon staff's satisfaction, they will be found in good standing. Ruby was found *not* to be in Good Standing due to not meeting the 'hold three meetings per year' requirement. The Commission expressed their hope that further documentation of meeting this requirement would be provided to staff as they had exceeded the requirements for financial expenditures. Per statute, the Ruby Valley Conservation District will be notified and have 60 days to respond.

Keith made a motion for staff to notify Ruby Valley that they were not found to be in Good Standing. Howard Glancy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VII. EQUALLY AWARD GRANT MONEY TO DISTRICTS THAT HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS ELIGIBLE AS PER NRS 548.178 & 548.130. *ACTION*

- A. Keith Whipple made a motion to award grants to all districts with the exception of Ruby Valley and Esmeralda. Esmeralda will be awarded the grant when staff receives further clarification on their financial report. Vance seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Reminder to all the districts: annual reports and final financial reports for FY 04 are due by September 30, 2004.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

X. COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Keith Whipple requested the wildlife item put back on the agenda.

XI. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING – *ACTION*

James suggested adding a standing item to all SCC agendas entitled 'Legislative Items'. The next commission meeting will be on October 26, 2004 in Gardnerville at the Carson Valley Inn at 1:00 pm.

XII. ADJOURN – *ACTION*

Keith Whipple made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Howard Sterling seconded, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ana J. Jimenez
Administrative Assistant II